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- The Emergency Republican Government in Sumatra (Pemerintah Darurat) is 1. located at Airbangis, near the Minangkabau-Tapanuli border, on the west coast of Sumatra, about eighty miles north of Padang. Sjafruddin Prawirnegara, Former Minister of Economic Affairs, is the head of this government. He is in contact with A. A. Maramis\*, now minister of Foreign Affairs, Ramelan Utoyo, Special Minister and Dr. Sudarsono, Republican representative in
- 2. A. K. Gani, military governor for Sumatra, lives in the mountains above Muaraaman, near the gold mines of Lebong-Redjang\*\*, in the Benkulen Residency, Southern Sumatra. Gani controls the operations of about 30,000 Tentera Nasional Indonesia (TNI) troops which are commanded by Major General Hidajat, the former commandant of the Guntur Brigade of the Siliwangi Division in West Java. Hidajat's chief of staff is Lt. Col. Sibolon, a Batak, until recently commandant of the TNI Brigade at Lubuklinggau, Southern Sumatra.
- 3. The Indonestan "jungle radio station" operates at 26.6 meters.

Indaa. Sudarsono's address is: Indonesia House, New Delhi.

- The TNI is planning extensive guerrilla activities including sabotage. raiding parties, and kidnappings to paralyze Dutch efforts toward reconstruction in Sumatra. Dutch counter-espionage is not able to cope with the guerrillas.
- 5. The Partai Komunis Indonesia (PKI) and the Lasjkar Merah with 1,000 men were concentrated in Bukittinggih until December 1948. In February 1949, they were located in Taluk, Western Indrigiri, from whence they can attack Rengat, and communicate with fellow Communists in Singapore and Malacca. These Communists sold stolen rubber to TAN Kah Kee at Katong, Singapore, through TAN's son-inlaw, LEE Kong-Chian;\*Large contracts were made with Clychin, Soviet trade commissioner. The intermediary was Samsudin, councillor of the PKI of Bukittinggih. Document No.

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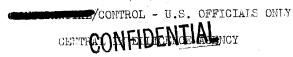
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#### Southern Sumatra

- 6.6. The Hitam Brigade (Black Brigade) still occupies the interior Lampong districts, with forward posts at Kotaagung, on Semangka Bay, Straits of Sunda. Semaun Gahan, a fanatical Chinese who was trained by the Japanese, is the commandant. The brigade includes three infantry battalions of three companies each, armed with Japanese Meiji rifles and automatic guns, Forward posts are also maintained at Gedongtataan near Telokbetong, Cumungsugih, and Sukadana. These posts are manned by isolated detachments whose mission is to observe and attack the Dutch.
- 7.7. The towns of Tandjongkarang and Telokbetong in Southern Sumatra are occupied by about 950 Dutch marines whichwharetbarnfarandfermadborponBeddonegoro,
- 3 E. The town of Benkulen is occupied by a Dutch marine battalion from Surabaya.
  - Palembang area. The TNI, with bases at Beliti\*\*, Tembang Sewah\*\* is waging Ø. guerril awarfare against the Dutch "Y" Brigade, commanded by Colonel  $ar{ extsf{F}}$ . Mollinger. Lt. Col. Sibolon, commandant of the TNI brigade, claims to have planned "a lengthy jungle warfare program against the inexperienced Dutch." He commands detached units numbering 3,000 men, with main bases at Muaraaman.
- Djambi area, Abdul Razak, Military Resident Commissioner of the Pemerintah Darurat for Djambi has a TNI brigade at his disposal. The brigade is commanded JO. by Bambang Utoyo. About 3,000 men are concentrated at Sungaipenuh in Kurintji.

#### Central Sumatra

Lt. Col. Alexander Kawilarang (former commandant of the TNI brigade which EL. occupied Sukabumi in West Priangan, West Java) is in command of the TNI brigade which retreated from Bukittinggih to Airbangis. He has about 2,550 men under his command,

#### Northern Sumatra

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- A complete division of Achinese with artillery, medium trench mortars, and two 12 batteries of six-inch coast artillery, is located in Northern Sumatra. This division has not been attacked by Major General Scholten, Medan, who commands three infantry brigades and five newly-organized guard battalions composed of partially-trained recruits.
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  - (a) Kutaradja
  - (b) Ulueh-lueh\*\*
  - (c) Blangkedjeren

  - (d) Loh Senmanne (on the coast of the Malacca Straits),
- 2,500 troops
  - 800 troops
  - 800 troops who recently attacked Dutch estates in Sumatra Timur
- 4,000 (approximately)

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- 1.4. The island of Pulo We, where the Sabang coaling station is located, is in Dutch hands. A gunboat is used to control the traffic with Uleuh-leuh. Pulo Babi, Nias, and Mentawei are controlled by neither the Dutch or the Indonesians.
- Bagan-siapiapi, which is inhabited by Hakka-Chinese, is now occupied by an infantry company composed of Dutch troops. A group of the Pao An Tui (Peace Preservation Corps), consisting of about fifty men, has been organized

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representative in Singapore, attended the recent ECAFE meeting in Bangkok and it is not known whether he returned to Singapore or proceeded to New Delhi.

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Comment. Towns unlocated.

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all the rubber buying in Malaya for the USSR. for further details on LEE.

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